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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Paul GILSON et al. )  
Application No.: 09/838,544 ) Group Art Unit: 3737  
Filed: April 20, 2001 ) Examiner: Unknown  
For: AN EMBOLIC PROTECTION )  
SYSTEM )  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 25, 44 and 56 without prejudice or disclaimer, and replace claims 3, 5, 6, 9, 11-13, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 30-34, 38-43, 50, 52, 53 and 55 with the following:

3. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pushing device comprises a proximal stop for engagement with the embolic protection filter.

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3. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pushing device comprises a handle.

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